

# ***Almost 18?***

## ***Ready for Something New?***

**AmeriCorps NCCC**

### **What is AmeriCorps NCCC?**

- ❖ AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps)
- ❖ Full-time, team-based residential program for young Americans to perform 10 months of service that meets critical needs in urban and rural communities across the United States
- ❖ Accepts men and women ages 18-24
- ❖ Five campuses are offered- Vicksburg, MS; Perry Point, MD; Sacramento, CA; Denver, CO and Vinton, IA

### **What are the benefits as a Corps Member?**

In exchange for a 10 month commitment, Corps Members receive the following:

- ❖ [Segal AmeriCorps Education Award](#) of \$5,350 after successfully completing the program
- ❖ Room and board
- ❖ Living allowance of \$4,000 or \$200 every two weeks before taxes
- ❖ Limited health and child care benefits
- ❖ Up to \$400 a month for childcare if funds are available, for the custodial parent
- ❖ Uniforms
- ❖ Student loan forbearance
- ❖ Transportation to and from the assigned campus at the beginning and end of the program
- ❖ Travel across the United States
- ❖ Gain valuable skills to enhance your resume

### **What does a Corps Member do?**

- ❖ Corps Members live and work with their team (10-12 youth) while completing community-based service projects
- ❖ Projects usually last 6-8 weeks
- ❖ Teams generally complete 4-5 projects during their service
- ❖ Most projects allow teams to travel to and work in other parts of their multi-state region
- ❖ Teams may respond to disasters anywhere in the United States

### **I have questions.**

Contact: Carol Mizoguchi at [cmizoguchi@casey.org](mailto:cmizoguchi@casey.org)

### **When's the deadline?**

**March 1, 2011 for fall placement**  
**July 1, 2011 for winter placement**

### **How do I apply?**

Complete the application at [www.americorps.gov](http://www.americorps.gov)

## How to access your AmeriCorps Application

You must have an email address to fill out an AmeriCorps application. If you do not have one you can get a free one through [www.yahoo.com](http://www.yahoo.com).

- Go to [www.americorps.gov](http://www.americorps.gov)
- Click on AmeriCorps NCCC
- Under “Join AmeriCorps NCCC!” Click “Search”.
- Click on “AmeriCorps NCCC – Fall 2011”
- Check out the program to see if you might be interested
- Click **Apply Now** if you like the program

### Create Profile Steps 1-4

- Step 1 you will provide your personal contact information
- Step 2 you will continue providing you personal contact information
- Step 3 you must provide a permanent address
- Step 4 in the very last box it will say;  
"In the space provided below, please provide your interests and any additional information that may be helpful in evaluating your application" please write the following:

Former Foster Youth Applicant

- Check your email right away to complete your Registration Form. It must be completed with in 72 hours
- You will receive an email from AmeriCorps. Please click on the link provided in your email.
- Create a username and password
- Click "Application"
- Click "Create Application"

### Complete Steps 1-8

There will be a section for "Skills/Experience." You must provide a comment for each category as follows: (You should already have this written out before applying to AmeriCorps)

- Public Speaking
- Writing/Editing
- Leadership
- Fine Arts/Crafts
- Computer/Technology
- Communications

There will be a section for **"Community Service."** If you have participated in community service you will need to provide the following: (You should have this information before applying to AmeriCorps)

- Organization Name
- City
- State
- Phone #
- Description of involvement
- From mm/yyyy
- To mm/yyyy
- Hours/Month

There will be a **"Motivational Statement"** section. In this section you will write why you want to apply for AmeriCorps and why would you be a good candidate.

There will be a section that asks "How did you hear about AmeriCorps?"

- In that section you will type **"Casey/CPS"**

You are almost done with your application to AmeriCorps. All you have to do now is provide **TWO** references. Each of your references must have an email address and you should get permission ahead of time from these references. **Note:** you will need the following information:

- Click "New Reference" and provide
- First and Last Name
- Email
- Title
- Organization/Institution
- Address

Click on the link that says [click here](#). An email will be sent to the reference requesting a contact to AmeriCorps.

- Click "return to application"
- Click "print"

AmeriCorps will contact the youth directly if they qualify as a Corps Member.

\*Once you print out your application confirmation page please note the "Applicant ID" number on the top left hand of the page of the email. CPS and Casey Family Programs are keeping a log of youth who are applying for AmeriCorps positions. Please send your AmeriCorps ID number and contact information to [CMizoguchi@casey.org](mailto:CMizoguchi@casey.org)

CPS and Casey Family Programs are pleased to be offering this special opportunity in collaboration with the National Civilian Community Corps. We strongly encourage this experience and urge you to consider it as outlined.